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ATTN: Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 8(e) Coordinator

Re: Information Acquired Concerning Ongoing Chronic Toxicity Study with Blue Mussels

Dear TSCA 8(e) Coordinator:

The American Chemistry Council's Brominated Flame Retardants Industry Panel (BFRIP)¹ is submitting on behalf of its members the enclosed copy of tables reflecting preliminary data from an on-going study of the effects of TBBPA² on the growth of blue mussels.³ These tables corroborate similar data previously submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and obtained in a 1989 study conducted using TBBPA and eastern oysters. BFRIP members have not had access to a narrative presentation of the data reflected preliminarily in the enclosed tables; thus, BFRIP members have not concluded that reporting of this information is required pursuant to the requirements of TSCA Section 8(e). Nevertheless, the materials are being submitted under TSCA 8(e) because the Panel members believe it is likely that Agency staff might be interested in the enclosed tables.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nancy Sandrof, the BFRIP Panel Manager, at (703)741-5605.

Sincerely,

Nancy Sandrof

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Enclosure

cc: BFRIP w/enclosure

¹ The members of BFRIP include Albemarle Corporation, Ameribrom, Inc. - ICL-Industrial Products and Great Lakes Chemical Corporation.

² TBBPA is the common abbreviation used for tetrabromobisphenol-A (CAS No. 79-94-7).

³ Blue mussels (*Mytilus edulis*) also are known as "common mussels".



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